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December 2, 2004

Mr. Gary Broad
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Dear Mr. Broad:

RE: Review of the Town of Ross' Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting revisions to the Town of Ross' housing element, received for the Department's review on November 19, 2004. The Department is required to review draft housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b). Telephone conversations with you facilitated the review.

Revisions made to the element address the statutory requirements described in the Department's September 25, 2003 review. The element will be in full compliance once all revisions are incorporated and the Town adopts the element and submits it for review pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g).

Also, for your information, having an adopted housing element in compliance by December 31, 2004, is one of the threshold requirements for an innovative new program that rewards local governments for approving affordable workforce housing. The Workforce Housing Program, funded by Proposition 46, provides grant funds to eligible local governments for every qualifying unit permitted, beginning calendar year 2004. Grant awards can be used to fund any capital asset project, such as transportation or park improvements. More specific information about the program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/whrp/>.

The Department appreciates the Town's diligence in revising its housing element to comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) and for its commitment to address the housing needs of Ross' workers and families. If you have any questions, please contact Mario Angel, of our staff, at (916) 445-3485.

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In accordance with their requests pursuant to the Public Records Act, we are forwarding a copy of this letter to the individuals listed below.

Sincerely,



Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director

cc: Mark Stivers, Senate Committee on Housing & Community Development
Suzanne Ambrose, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, AG's Office
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Nick Cammarota, California Building Industry Association
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